

medical conditions. Fifty-four million Americans could lose health insurance coverage without this important patient protection, including nearly 7 million people stuck with COVID-19, the newest pre-existing condition.

COVID-19 has killed 200,000 Americans in less than 8 months, and 288,000 new COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in the last 7 days alone. The United States has 5 percent of the world's population and 25 percent of COVID-19 cases because the White House's response to COVID-19 was slow, sloppy, and chaotic. Now that same White House wants to kill the only law that protects Americans from COVID-19, the newest pre-existing condition.

We need a White House that protects American families and sides with the American people, keeping them and their families healthy and safe.

RECOGNIZING THE RIVET

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, I had the pleasure of touring the newest branch of the Centre County Discovery Space called The Rivet.

The Rivet is a 5,000-square-foot community workshop that aims to connect people and ideas to create and innovate. Members of the Centre County community can take advantage of open shop hours and classes that teach technical skills, critical thinking, and interactive learning.

At The Rivet, individuals can learn how to use 3D printers, woodworking machines, a pottery studio, CAD software, and the list goes on. America needs a qualified and skilled workforce.

In Pennsylvania jobs in the trades have been growing at roughly 3 percent each year, but job seekers with the qualifications for these positions aren't matching that growth. That is what we call "the skills gap."

I was encouraged by the work that The Rivet is doing by providing an outlet for those who are seeking a career powered by career and technical education.

I want to thank Rivet manager Camille Sogin for her work to provide CTE opportunities in Centre County.

REMEMBERING GIANA HUTTON

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Giana Hutton, one of my constituents and a passionate advocate for education and equity. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Giana grew up in Flossmoor, Illinois, and attended Parker Junior High School and Homewood-Flossmoor High School. She obtained her BA in history from Williams College in 2010 at just 18

years of age. Later, she completed a master's of science in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University, one of our Nation's most prestigious programs.

Between her studies, she interned for Illinois Senator Roland Burris, supporting staff working on education and judiciary policy.

Most recently, she was working as a program analyst for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in Washington, D.C. In this role, she directly supported the educational success of District students by helping programs work better and be more effective.

She had recently been accepted in the District's Certified Public Manager Program Cohort at GW University.

Giana is survived by her fiancé, parents, and sister. Giana will be greatly missed by all, especially the young people whose lives she positively impacted through her work.

As we remember her life and legacy, we must recommit to her passion: educational equity and the opportunity for every young American to receive a quality education.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRONICLE

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the founding of The Chronicle, a weekly newspaper in my district.

The Chronicle was established by Mark Frost in 1980 in Glens Falls, New York. Through hard work and determination, Mark turned an initial investment of \$1,700 into a successful newspaper and small business. He remains the publisher and editor today, alongside their team who have been with The Chronicle for decades.

In that time, The Chronicle has established a loyal base of readers and advertisers, becoming truly a cornerstone of the community.

The Chronicle has also hosted events to provide a forum for discussion and to bring Glens Falls residents together, especially through The Chronicle Book Fair. The fair is an opportunity to highlight and connect local authors and publishers and discover books of all genres.

Annual events like this are important to strengthen and grow the fabric of our communities, and I know many who are looking forward to safely resuming them as soon as possible.

On behalf of New York's 21st District and the United States Congress, I would like to thank Mark Frost, his family, and the entire Chronicle team for their contributions to the community and congratulate them on reaching this important 40-year milestone.

PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, today, across the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte's brutal regime is using the pretext of a so-called anti-terrorism law to ramp up efforts targeting labor organizers, workers, and political opponents. This law allows suspects to be detained by the police or military without charges for as long as 24 days and placed under surveillance for up to 90 days.

In response to these abuses, I introduced the Philippine Human Rights Act, which would block U.S. funding for police or military assistance to the Philippines—outlining a series of basic criteria which would have to be met in order to resume such funding.

I am proud to stand alongside so many faith and civil society organizations in advocating for this legislation. And I am especially proud to stand with leaders of the U.S. labor movement: the AFL-CIO, the SEIU, the Teamsters, the Communication Workers of America. They understand that in fighting for their brothers and sisters in the labor movement abroad, they are also helping safeguard their own rights and dignity here at home.

Let us make clear that the United States will not participate in the repression. Let us stand with the people of the Philippines.

HISTORIC ABRAHAM ACCORDS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Post and Courier of Charleston on September 19 editorialized "Good news at last from the Middle East."

"A series of friendship treaties between Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates with Israel, midwifed by his (Trump's) unorthodox Middle East diplomatic team, provides constructive news from a region that sorely needs it."

"With strong support from his first United Nations ambassador, Nikki Haley, Mr. Trump rejected his predecessor's ambiguous stance toward Israel and strongly supported the Jewish nation. With worries increasing about Iranian aggression and power, some Arab nations began looking at Israel as a potential ally rather than an enemy."

"But Mr. Trump has been constructive in limiting Iranian interference in Iraq and promoting friendship between Israel and major Sunni Arab nations . . . he deserves credit for seizing the moment to take an important step toward creating a more peaceful region."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.